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The Topeka Capital—Gov. Clapper's paper—declares that the President was not re-elected because he "kept us out of war," but because of an "assurance that he would continue to do so." If this be true, it is now in order for those Kansans who voted for Wilson on this ground to sue him for breach of contract.

Democratic leaders are now urging that "after the war" will be plenty of time to take up the problem of a protective tariff. Long before the days of Aesop, there were plenty of people who contended that it is sufficient to close the barn door after the horse has escaped.

A PLAIN NEED OF PROTECTION.

We need no tariff commission report on the subject of soy bean oil when we see that commodity coming in year after year from Japan although soy beans can be successfully grown in all the corn and cotton states. What we want is a reasonable protective tariff on soy bean oil, so that not only will American farmers raise the beans but manufacturers will operate crushing mills and utilize the oil. Why should we buy the product of the cheap labor of the Orient?

Borers in Shade Trees.

Certain beetles and other insects in adult or larval stages injure roots, trunks, branches and twigs of various trees. A coating of thick whitewash maintained from early spring acts as a repellent. Cut out and immediately burn all dying branches and all branches plainly infested with borers. Valuable trees may be treated by injecting carbon bisulfide into galleries of borers and plugging them with soft clay. Sanitation and prevention are better than curative methods. Peach tree borers must be dug out until we find a better control method.

Arsenical Sprays.

Caterpillars, beetles and other chewing insects with biting mouthparts attacking foliage are readily controlled by timely sprays of lead arsenate, using 2 or 3 pounds to 50 gallons of water. One pound of Paris green and 2 pounds fresh lime slaked in 50 gallons of water is an effective spray against these pests, but is washed off quickly by rain. Young caterpillars are easily poisoned, hence spray as soon as injury is observed. Spray fruit trees with arsenate of lead combined with Bordeaux mixture just after petals fall, again 2 weeks later and again middle of July for clean fruit.

Full directions will be mailed free on application.

Nicotine or Tobacco Sprays.

The safest and best spray for soft bodies and sucking insects on tender plants is some form of nicotine or tobacco solution. Aphids on roses, sweet peas and similar delicate plants can be killed without injury to the plant. Commercial nicotine can be bought everywhere. A tobacco decoction is made by steeping (not boiling) a pound of tobacco stems in 3 or 4 gallons of warm water in a closed vessel, for a few hours. Strain off liquid and spray on plants. Soap added to nicotine acts as a sticker and spreader, giving better results.

The War.

There is but little doing in the war situation that will pass the censors. Forces are being augmented. The navy is being put on a war basis but the movements of troops or war ships may not be announced.

Activities pervade the various departments, and congress is busy enacting laws providing for boards of all kinds to control everything. It looks now as if the boards would outnumber the enlisted men. This is all right for the present, but when the forces get down to business the boards will be smashed just as General Grant refused dictation from General Halleck's board of strategy in 1864.

All political parties are united with the administration in preparing for the struggle which must come.

Recruits Wanted.

Co. C of the 10th Regiment N. G. P. under Command Capt. Truxal at Somerset, desires 75 new members. The company rolls now contain 75 names and it is desired to increase the number of 150 men, in anticipation of a call.

The 10th Regiment has a reputation gained in the Philippines, and was assigned places along with the regulars when it received "the border" last summer, and is one of the best drilled regiments in the service and having seen active service is a credit to all who take the field. It is an honor not readily obtained.

Capt. Truxal should have no difficulty in obtaining the men desired. No one wants to volunteer to do guard duty. When the call comes, as come it will, and soon, the Tenth will be assigned to service while new organizations will be guarding munitions and powder plants.

Country side meat and lard wanted at Habel & Phillips.

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Oil Emulsion Sprays.

Well prepared kerosene emulsion, and certain commercial soluble oils give good results when used properly, for sucking insects such as aphids or plant lice, psylla and scale insects. To make kerosene emulsion, dissolve 1-2 pound hard soap in 1 gallon boiling soft water, and add 2 gallons of kerosene. Agitate the mixture violently until a creamy white gelatinous jelly is formed when cold. Dilute with 8 to 10 quarts of water before spraying foliage. For winter or dormant spraying dilute with 5 to 6 parts of water. Terrapin scale is controlled with oily sprays, while ordinary lime-sulphur solution is not effective.

CLEAN UP.

Harrisburg, April 3rd.—A statewide "clean-up" as a measure of prevention against a possible epidemic of infantile paralysis this summer has been put under way by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, who is sending out this week a letter of instruction to all local Boards of Health and Health Officers, as well as to the more than one thousand men who constitute the field force of his department in its medical and sanitary divisions.

The instructions call for the eradication of all insanitary conditions that might lead to a spread of the disease and go into details as to the precautions that should be taken.

"We must anticipate some poliomyelitis this year and take every precaution in the way of preparedness against it," said Doctor Dixon, in discussing his action today, "even though its presence last year does not necessarily mean a severe epidemic this summer."

"We are coming into the season, when, through the disintegration of organic matter, much of the new insect life of the year will come into its first stages. It is during this season that infantile paralysis generally appears in epidemic form."

"In preparation, it behooves us not to let any precaution escape our attention. Thus we enter upon a vigorous 'clean-up,' especially when we keep in mind what excellent results were obtained in last year's epidemic when we went into some of the small towns and showed them how to obtain almost ideal housekeeping."

"For some years the Pennsylvania Department of Health has been working for a preventive that could be supplied in sufficient quantity to fill any possible demand. In this important work, Pennsylvania can report progress."

"We must at the present time rely, however, solely on the results of experience obtained in fighting the disease. And one of the first lessons is that we must keep perfectly clean our houses, out-buildings, grounds,

stables, barns and barnyards. Every care must be taken of each water supply, for each one represents a stone in the foundation of preparedness."

"The great move now being taken by the Department of Health is a crusade against filth, not only in the cities and towns and boroughs, but in the country districts. The circular of instructions is being sent not only to our County Medical Inspectors and health officers, but to all the Department nurses and stream inspectors as well."

"The State Department of Health, with the Governor standing behind the Commissioner of Health in the work, calls upon every individual and all the local health authorities to push with a strong hand this task of insuring the health of our little children, who will soon stand in our places—and especially at this time when they face the heritage of preserving peace and order in not only our own union of states but perhaps in the whole civilized world."

PATRIOTIC LADIES.

Actual enlisting of every member of the army of suffragists in Pennsylvania for patriotic work will be begun April 18 and 19 at the spring conference of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association to be held in Harrisburg.

The conference, suffrage leaders announce, will be asked to ratify the plan of enrolling members in one of the four following divisions: Employment bureau for women. Department for training women for agricultural work and elimination of waste.

Co-operation with Red Cross Society. Department for the Americanization of aliens.

It is expected that the delegates will agree to the formation of the four divisions to be under the direction of a general central committee—the first to enroll women and classify them according to the service they desire to perform. The second would train women to do agricultural work in gardens and on farms. The third would assist in Red Cross work, and the fourth would work among foreigners.

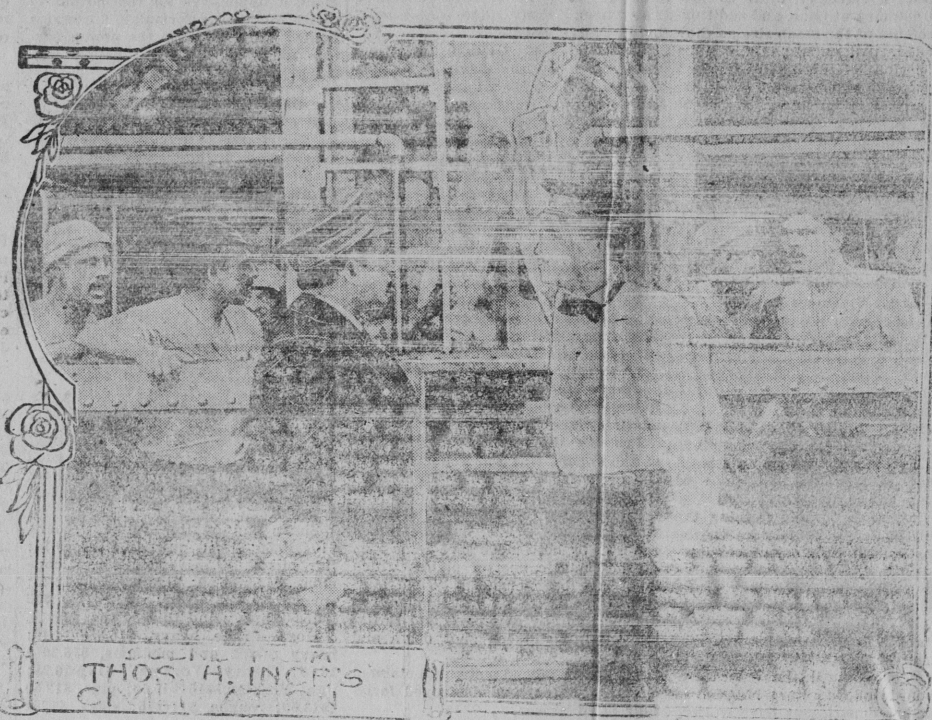
Large delegations are expected to attend the conference from every county, and business of the state suffrage organization will be facilitated as much as possible to give time for thorough discussion of war work.

In addition to the business sessions, there will be a public meeting the night of April 18, when United States Commissioners of Immigration Frederick C. Howe will deliver a lecture on "After the War—What?" an address dealing with problems expected to arise after the declaration of peace.

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LARIMER LAFLETS.

Miss Florence Petenbrink is spending some time at the home of her brother Elmer in Wittenburg.

J. L. Kendall who had been ill is slowly improving.

Miss Carrie Shunk called on her old friend, Alpha Tressler on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Housel and daughter, Luene, were visiting at Charles Bittner's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knepp and daughter Mary, and Miss Sydney Lenhart were callers at Alfred Knepp's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Housel and son, Carl, were recent visitors at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Susan Smith.

John Mankamy made a business trip to Meyersdale last Saturday.

Irvin Murray called on his friend Dewey Smith last Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Geiger is on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. F. Petenbrink and daughter, Effie, returned home on Sunday after a few day's visit in Meyersdale.

We had a fine snow as long as it lasted.

Mrs. C. Martz of Ellerslie was visiting her sons, F. R. and Charles Murray over Sunday.

Irvin Geiger, spent Easter at his home in Wittenburg.

Elmer Petenbrink is wearing a smile like a ten by six, to say its a boy.

L. M. Mankamy had been employed for a few days last week at Wellersburg doing carpentering work.

Miss Leora Geiger who had been very ill is improved a great deal. She is now able to be on her feet again.

Harvey Petenbrink of Mountain Valley has moved his family over on the Wm. Meyers farm, near Meyersdale and we wish them all good luck.

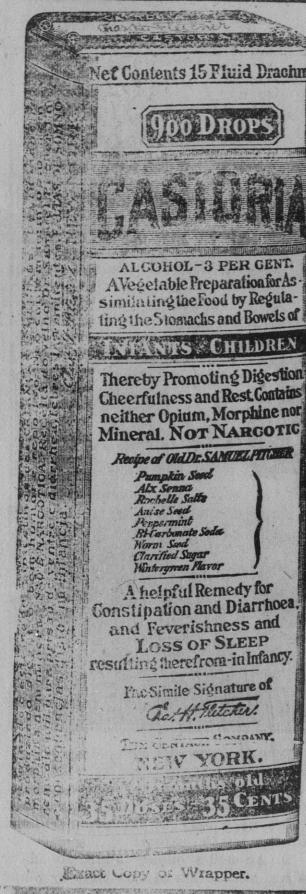
Mrs. L. M. Mankamy was very much frightened when she recently entered her sitting room and discovered the flue on fire but prompt action on her part prevented the fire from gaining any headway or doing much damage.

Ezra Chrisinger and C. S. Mankamy who recently purchased a car of lime had quite a time unloading it in the snow storms of last week.

Miss Lydia Smith who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cyrus Housel of Meyersdale, returned home last week.

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| RESOURCES | |
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| Loans and Investments..... | \$758,956.06 |
| U. S. Bonds..... | 70,000.00 |
| Banking House..... | 29,500.00 |
| Due from Banks and Reserve Agents..... | 302,355.01 |
| Cash..... | 54,738.11 |
| Total..... | \$1,215,549.18 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Capital Stock..... | \$ 65,000.00 |
| Surplus..... | 100,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits..... | 41,239.91 |
| Circulation..... | 65,000.00 |
| Deposits..... | 944,809.27 |
| Total..... | \$1,215,549.18 |

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